

[Mr Joseph Vithayathil.]

- (b) the result of such enquiry, if any; and
- (c) the steps taken by them to relieve the distress of the people?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINAM M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) Yes.

(b) 16 deaths were reported besides loss to plantations.

(c) Committees have been constituted in both the taluks and requisite funds are being placed at their disposal.

Malayalam Text Books.

31. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Malayalam text books prescribed for the English school classes during the years 1115 and 1116 ;

(b) the respective authors of each of those books ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (a) & (b) The member is referred to the Gazette (Education Sheet) dated 9th May 1939, for the Malayalam text books prescribed for the year 1939-40 and that, dated 23rd April 1940 for the Malayalam Text Books prescribed for the year 1940-41.

Divisional Treasuries.

32. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal before them to increase the number of Divisional Treasuries; and

(b) if so, the number of such Treasuries to be established ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the Financial Secretary's duties*): (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Working of the Treasuries.

33. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR. Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have recently separated Treasuries from the control of the Revenue Department;

(b) the purposes of such separation; and

(c) additional expenditure, if any, to be borne by Government resulting out of such change of control ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER : (a) Yes.

(b) To enable the Finance and the Audit Departments to have a closer control over the Treasury accounts and to develop the audit on new lines.

(c) Nil.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether Government have taken steps for reducing the number of individual audits ?

PRESIDENT : The honourable member will please repeat the question.